

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

February 4, 2010

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: Councilor Kelly

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on January 28, 2010 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending February 3, 2010 in the amount of \$ 247,982.86 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of January 28 – February 3, 2010
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 13 – January 29, 2010

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4 CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the

amount of \$ 1,404,420.28 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Plattsburgh Farmers and Crafters Market group to manage the Farmers Market for the 2010 market season from May 16- October 10, 2010.

By Councilor Valentine; Second by Councilor Rabideau
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: The Mayor is authorized to sign a two year extension of the contract for legal representation in labor matters with Goldberger and Kremer for a term ending 9/30/2012 on the terms set forth in a report to the Common Council from the Corporation Counsel dated January 25, 2010, a copy of which has been distributed to the Common Council and is ordered made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Jackson
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a change order from the Office of Community Development for Project Main St. BIP 2008 # 7 (EcoPrint Inc. – 63 Bridge St.) for \$6,980.00. The change order will be paid by a \$5,235 grant from the City's Main St program and the owner's share of \$1,745.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Jackson
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. Motion to waive rule for initial consideration “Request from the City Chamberlain to transfer amounts in the 2010 General Fund Budget to increase appropriations for Police Department Payroll, Overtime and Separation Pay and to decrease appropriations for Contingency and Health Insurance. The purpose of the transfer is to cover negotiated pay increases and employee health care deductions. The net amount of \$222,996 will come from the 2010 Contingency leaving the total 2010 budget unchanged by the transfer. The 2010 Contingency balance after this transfer will be \$127,004.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to transfer amounts in the 2010 General Fund Budget to increase appropriations for Police Department Payroll, Overtime and Separation Pay and to decrease appropriations for Contingency and Health Insurance. The purpose of the transfer is to cover negotiated pay increases and employee health care deductions. The net amount of \$222,996 will come from the 2010 Contingency leaving the total 2010 budget unchanged by the transfer. The 2010 Contingency balance after this transfer will be \$127,004.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from Community Development Office that the Mayor be authorized to sign a contract with JCEO to provide Home Energy Audits on properties assisted with HOME housing rehabilitation grant funds, the cost to be paid from the JCEO Weatherization Assistance Program, or if not eligible, from the HOME grant to the homeowner.
2. Request from Community Development Office that the Mayor be authorized to sign a contract with KAS Inc. for lead based paint inspections on homes assisted under the HOME housing rehabilitation grant program, the cost to be paid from the HOME grant to the homeowner.
3. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to award Transformer Service, Inc (TSI) contract for Bid No. 2009-12-3 “Evaluation of Transformer Oil Liquid Screen and Gas Analysis

Testing” in the amounts of \$3,919.00 for 2010; \$3,919.00 for 2011; and \$3,919.00 for 2012 based on them being able to meet PMLD specifications.

4. Request from the City Chamberlain to transfer amounts in the 2010 General Fund Budget to increase appropriations for Police Department Payroll, Overtime and Separation Pay and to decrease appropriations for Contingency and Health Insurance. The purpose of the transfer is to cover negotiated pay increases and employee health care deductions. The net amount of \$222,996 will come from the 2010 Contingency leaving the total 2010 budget unchanged by the transfer. The 2010 Contingency balance after this transfer will be \$127,004. **(Move to agenda under “Other Items” Letter D)**

5. Request from Jonathan Ruff, Environmental Manager to approve a change order for Akey Landfill “Tire Relocation and Relocated Waste Compaction” in the amount of \$45,000.

Councilor Carpenter asked if this needed to be moved or can it wait until next week. **Jon Ruff** said the work is already being done and it can wait until next week.

6. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for one officer to attend the “SNYJOA Quarterly Board Meeting” in Syracuse, NY from March 4 – 5, 2010 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$80.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.
7. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for three officers to attend the “National Tactical Officers Association Advanced Crisis Negotiations Training” in Poughkeepsie, NY from June 2 – 4, 2010 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$2,506.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.
8. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for three officers to attend the “DCJS Robbery/Accomplice Identification Course” in Albany, NY from February 24 – 25, 2010 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$586.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.
9. Request from Councilor Rabideau to approve request from Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi for an amendment to Chapter 257 of the Code of the City of Plattsburgh regarding Water and Sewer Tapping Permit fees 257-11 and fee schedule for water meters 257-12 B.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to remove 7L from last week (01-28-10) from the table

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Police Chief Desmond Racicot to approve the contract with CVI for Cleaning Services at the Police Department for 2010. There has been an increase in the cost, which is attributed to the increased cost of supplies

and labor.

Motion to amend 7L from last week (01-28-10) to eliminate the last sentence

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

Move it as amended

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Police Chief Desmond Racicot to approve the contract with CVI for Cleaning Services at the Police Department for 2010.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

Councilor Valentine asked the Mayor to update them on the Press Conference that will be held tomorrow for the Mayor's Cup.

Mayor Kasprzak stated the Press Conference will be at 12:15 pm here in the Chambers. Sunrise Rotary wanted to hold the Press Conference and he agreed. We called as many downtown folks in the last few days to get them here and there is an interest which he is pleased. Everyone is welcome. Basically there is no real entertainment updates as it is early. This week he has heard from Chris Dumont from the Green Room who would like to close down Bridge Street and have Glass Onion play there on Saturday evening from 7:00 to 8:45 pm. We have done that in the past and he that will be his sponsorship contribution. Other than that Sunrise Rotary is going to make an announcement that they are going to contribute something to the City and give Regatta updates. That is basically what we are going to talk about.

Councilor Rabideau asked if the invitation will be extended to others to do something like closing down Bridge Street like closing down City Hall Place, etc.

Mayor Kasprzak said we haven't really talked about it. Chris Dumont approached him instead of giving us money this was going to be his contribution. There wasn't any entertainment over there and he thought it was a good idea.

Councilor Rabideau thought maybe we could extend an invitation or make an announcement to other City businesses if they wanted to do something like that.

Mayor Kasprzak said the pieces are just coming together. Basically we are going to have Friday and Saturday night entertainment and the Regatta does their thing. We are going to try and get people downtown.

Councilor Rabideau said at this point there is nothing in the staging area near the monument.

Mayor Kasprzak said nothing is set yet and now we will start talking about that. We are also waiting for the contributions to come in and we have sent out the letters. After the Press Conference hopefully we will start getting more contributions. The downtown businesses seem to be very

enthusiastic. We are going to have the fireworks July 4th and the Saturday of the Mayor's Cup downtown this year. Sunrise Rotary has a nice announcement for the City.

Councilor Jackson said next week we will get an update from the Half Marathon folks.

Mayor Kasprzak said yes they have all done an excellent job and did an outstanding job at Rotary.

Councilor Valentine asked what was happening with the driving range.

Mayor Kasprzak said **Steve Peters** told him all the things would be delivered this week it is within 10 days.

12. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:55pm